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SUBJ: PRESIDENT BONGO DEPARTS FOR VISITS TO FRANCE, PRC,
INDIA AND THE MIDDLE-EAST

1. PRESIDENT BONGO WITH MORE THAN USUAL FANFARE DEPARTED LIBREVILLE FOR PARIS ON CHARTERED AIR AFRIQUE DC-8, SEPT 25 ACCOMPANIED BY LARGE ENTOURAGE.

2. DURING VISIT TO FRANCE FROM SEPT 25 TO OCT 3, BONGO SCHEDULED MEET WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING, PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC, MINISTER OF STATE PONIATOWSKI, MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE FOURCADE AND MINISTER OF COOPERATION ABELIN.

3. ON OCT 3, BONGO DEPARTS FOR A LONG-PLANNED STATE VISIT TO PRC FOLLOWED BY STOPS IN HONG KONG, NEW DELHI, KUWAIT AND BEIRUT. LATTER VISITS ARE PROBABLY PRIVATE IN NATURE. LOCAL
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AFP CORRESPONDENT SAID SEPT 25 HE THOUGHT VISIT TO KUWAIT HAD

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BEEN CANCELLED. BONGO SCHEDULED TO RETURN LIBREVILLE, OCT 19.

4. COMMENT: DESPITE RECENT CONCENTRATION ON DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY THE TRANSGABON RAILROAD, BONGO'S CURRENT TRAVELS INDICATE HE STILL WISHES PLAY INTERNATIONAL ROLE. IN BRIEF PRESS STATEMENT ON EVE OF DEPARTURE, BONGO OUTLINED IMPORTANCE OF ENLARGING GOG CONTACTS WITH PEKING BECAUSE LATTER HAS AT ALL TIMES "DEFENDED CAUSES OF PEACE AND JUSTICE." SPECIFICALLY, BONGO PRAISED PRC INITIATIVES IN UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA PARTICULARLY ON SUCH ISSUES AS DE-COLONIZATION, PRIMARY MATERIALS AND LAW OF THE SEA.
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